

Water cleanup program could begin in the spring

HENDERSON — The official cleanup to clear perchlorate from Southern Nevada's drinking water supply won't begin for at least seven months.

Two companies that have manufactured the rocket fuel oxidizer on a Clark County-owned island near Henderson for more than 40 years submitted plans late Monday to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. The deadline for submission was last Monday.

For the next two months, both Pacific Engineering & Production Co. and Kern McGee Chemical Corp. will collect data about the flows of groundwater in the area, NDEP Las Vegas Branch Manager Dick Serdoz said.

This information combined with the industries' research into specific locations of contaminated wells will be used to chart the flow of perchlorate into the Las Vegas Wash, Serdoz said.

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